



COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL Agenda Highlights for June 8, 2009

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CITY READY TO USE STIMULUS DOLLARS FOR CRITICAL CAPITAL PROJECTS: Public Service & Transportation Committee Chair [Hearcel F. Craig](#) is sponsoring legislation authorizing the city to accept \$33.5 million in stimulus dollars made available through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 for three capital improvement projects that will create jobs and support economic development in Columbus. *Ordinance 0755-2009* will accept ARRA funding for the following projects:

- ✓ Parsons and Livingston Improvements Project (\$25,000,000): Street widening, new sidewalks, trees, medians, lighting, utility relocation, traffic signals and bike lanes.
- ✓ River South Phase 2 Improvements Project (\$5,500,000): Upgraded sidewalks with pedestrian crossing upgrades at intersections, landscaping, storm sewers, water lines, street lighting, and traffic control devices in the River South District.
- ✓ Federal Aid Routes 2009 Resurfacing Project (\$3,000,000): Reconstruction and resurfacing of eight city streets, including ADA curb ramp upgrades.

CITY OK'S STATE AND REGIONAL PLAN FOR BIKEWAY STIMULUS FUNDS: Recreation & Parks Committee Chair [Priscilla R. Tyson](#) is sponsoring *ordinance 0768-2009*, granting consent for a MORPC/ODOT ARRA Federal Stimulus project to construct a new trail along Alum Creek from Innis Park to Sunbury Road. This project will build a 2.1 mile segment of the Alum Creek Trail, from Innis Park to Sunbury Road near Mock Park. The trail will connect to the existing path in Innis Park on the north to an existing trail along Ballyvaughn Drive to Sunbury Road. This project will build a new section of the regional Alum Creek Trail and increase connectivity to Innis Park and natural areas along the stream corridor. The segment will be one of the final pieces of the Alum Creek greenway which will become a part of the Ohio-to-Erie Statewide Trail, traveling from Cincinnati to Columbus and Cleveland.

PALEY WORKING TO KEEP WATERWAYS CLEAN: The Jackson Pike Wastewater Treatment Plant serves a crucial role in ensuring Columbus' waterways remain clean and safe. Utilities Committee Chair [Eileen Y. Paley](#) is sponsoring *ordinance 0676-2009* to appropriate \$300,000 from the voted sanitary sewer bond fund for additional and extended technical services necessary to complete the plant's Skimmings Concentrator System Improvements Project. This project will update equipment that mechanically skims the water's surface.

SUSTAINING CITY SERVICES: When power outages strike Columbus, it is vital for City Hall to remain operational. Administration Committee Chair [A. Troy Miller](#) is sponsoring legislation that will allow city services to continue in the face of power outages. *Ordinance 0605-2009* will authorize a \$12,274.22 contract to maintain services associated with the batteries uninterrupted power supply (UPS) systems. The UPS systems allows for continuous operations when power fluctuations and failures occur.

NEW UNIFORMS FOR FIREFIGHTERS: City Council continues its support of the Columbus Division of Fire through *ordinance 0714-2009*. Public Safety Committee Chair [Andrew J. Ginther](#) is sponsoring this legislation to appropriate \$350,000 for the uniform needs of Columbus' 1,500 firefighters. The Division of Fire budgeted a total of \$600,000 in 2009 for uniforms. A total of \$107,000 has been encumbered/expended to date.

SUPPORTING AFFORDABLE HOUSING: Local home builders who are working to provide low- and moderate-income individuals and families with a quality place to live will receive operational support from the city. *Ordinance 0788-2009*, sponsored by Health, Housing & Human Services Committee Chair [Charleta B. Tavares](#), will authorize the expenditure of \$261,995.50 to provide support to community housing development organizations (CHDOs), which are nonprofit organizations that work in neighborhoods to develop affordable housing. The funds will be administered by the Community Development Collaborative of Greater Columbus by a contract authorized through this legislation.

FOCUS ON NEIGHBORHOODS: In an effort to focus attention on the important role of neighborhood organizations, Council President [Michael C. Mentel](#) invites a different area commission to offer a report to City Council. Tonight, Ian MacConnell, chair of the University Area Commission, will provide an update of neighborhood activities—as well as ask and answer questions before Council. Columbus currently has 16 area commissions.